

IC 20-1-1.4

Chapter 1.4. Professional Standards Board

IC 20-1-1.4-1

"Board" defined

Sec. 1. Notwithstanding IC 20-1-1.1-1, as used in this chapter, "board" refers to the professional standards board established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.46-1992, SEC.6.

IC 20-1-1.4-2

Establishment of board

Sec. 2. The professional standards board is established to govern teacher training and licensing programs. Notwithstanding any other law, the board and the board's staff have the sole authority and responsibility for making recommendations concerning and otherwise governing teacher training and teacher licensing matters.

As added by P.L.46-1992, SEC.6.

IC 20-1-1.4-3

Membership; qualifications; state superintendent

Sec. 3. (a) The board consists of nineteen (19) voting members.

(b) Each voting member of the board described in this subsection and subsections (c) and (d) must hold an Indiana teacher's license and must be actively employed by a school corporation unless otherwise provided. Eighteen (18) members shall be appointed by the governor as follows:

- (1) One (1) member must hold a license and be actively employed in a public school as an Indiana school superintendent.
- (2) Two (2) members must:
 - (A) hold licenses as public school principals;
 - (B) be actively employed as public school principals; and
 - (C) be employed at schools having dissimilar grade level configurations.
- (3) One (1) member must:
 - (A) hold a license as a special education director; and
 - (B) be actively employed as a special education director in:
 - (i) a school corporation; or
 - (ii) a public school special education cooperative.
- (4) One (1) member must be a member of the governing body of a school corporation but is not required to be actively employed by a school corporation or to hold an Indiana teacher's license.
- (5) Three (3) members must meet the following conditions:
 - (A) Represent Indiana teacher training units within Indiana public and private institutions of higher education.
 - (B) Hold a teacher's license but not necessarily an Indiana teacher's license.
 - (C) Be actively employed by the respective teacher training

units but are not required to be employed by a school corporation.

(6) Nine (9) members must be licensed and actively employed as Indiana public school teachers in the following categories:

(A) At least one (1) member must hold an Indiana standard early childhood education license.

(B) At least one (1) member must hold an Indiana teacher's license in elementary education.

(C) At least one (1) member must hold an Indiana teacher's license for middle/junior high school education.

(D) At least one (1) member must hold an Indiana teacher's license in high school education.

(7) One (1) member must be a member of the business community in Indiana, but is not required to be actively employed by a school corporation or to hold an Indiana teacher's license.

(c) Each member described in subsection (b)(6) must be licensed and actively employed as a practicing teacher in at least one (1) of the following areas to be appointed:

(1) At least one (1) member must be licensed in special education.

(2) At least one (1) member must be licensed in vocational education.

(3) At least one (1) member must be employed and licensed in student services, which may include school librarians or psychometric evaluators.

(4) At least one (1) member must be licensed in social science education.

(5) At least one (1) member must be licensed in fine arts education.

(6) At least one (1) member must be licensed in English or language arts education.

(7) At least one (1) member must be licensed in mathematics education.

(8) At least one (1) member must be licensed in science education.

(d) At least one (1) of the voting members described in subsections (b) and (c) must be a parent of a student enrolled in a public preschool or public school within a school corporation in either kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12.

(e) The state superintendent shall serve as an ex officio voting member of the board. The state superintendent may make recommendations to the governor as to the appointment of members on the board.

As added by P.L.46-1992, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.195-1995, SEC.2.

IC 20-1-1.4-4

Terms of office

Sec. 4. The term of office for the appointed members of the board is four (4) years.

As added by P.L.46-1992, SEC.6.

IC 20-1-1.4-5

Chairman of the board

Sec. 5. The chairman of the board shall be elected by a majority of the members of the board from among the members of the board for a term of one (1) year. A member may be reelected to serve as a chairman for subsequent terms.

As added by P.L.46-1992, SEC.6.

IC 20-1-1.4-6

Reimbursements for expenses

Sec. 6. (a) Each member of the board who is not a state employee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). Such a member is, however, entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

As added by P.L.46-1992, SEC.6.

IC 20-1-1.4-7

Adoption of rules; occupational experience awarded for instructor license in beauty culture

Sec. 7. (a) In addition to the powers and duties set forth in IC 20-6.1, the board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

- (1) Set standards for teacher licensing and administer a professional licensing and certification process.
- (2) Approve or disapprove teacher preparation programs.
- (3) Set fees to be charged in connection with teacher licensing.
- (4) Suspend, revoke, or reinstate teacher licenses.
- (5) Enter into agreement with other states to acquire reciprocal approval of teacher preparation programs.
- (6) Set standards for teacher licensing relative to new subjects of study.
- (7) Evaluate work experience and military service relative to higher education and experience equivalency.
- (8) Perform any other action that relates to the improvement of instruction in the public schools through teacher education and professional development through continuing education and that attracts qualified candidates for teacher training from among the high school graduates of Indiana.
- (9) Set standards for endorsement of school psychologists as independent practice school psychologists under IC 20-1-1.9.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), a person shall earn one (1) year of occupational experience for purposes of obtaining an occupational specialist certificate under this article for each year the person holds a license under IC 25-8-6.

As added by P.L. 46-1992, SEC. 6. Amended by P.L. 197-1995, SEC. 1; P.L. 153-1996, SEC. 1.

IC 20-1-1.4-8

Recommendations

Sec. 8. (a) The board may recommend to the general assembly for consideration of the general assembly measures relating to the board's powers and duties that improve the quality of teacher preparation or teacher licensing standards.

(b) The board shall submit to the general assembly before November 1 of each year a report detailing the findings and activities of the board and including any recommendations developed by the board.

As added by P.L. 46-1992, SEC. 6.

IC 20-1-1.4-9

Advisory committees; expenditure of funds; budget

Sec. 9. (a) The board may, subject to approval by the budget agency, do the following:

- (1) Establish advisory committees the board determines are necessary.
- (2) Expend funds made available to the board according to policies established by the budget agency.

(b) The board shall comply with the requirements for submitting a budget request to the budget agency as set forth in IC 4-12-1.

As added by P.L. 46-1992, SEC. 6.

IC 20-1-1.4-10

Orders of the board

Sec. 10. IC 4-21.5 applies to orders issued by the board.

As added by P.L. 46-1992, SEC. 6.